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**DATE:** April 3, 2009

**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

**FROM:**   
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**SUBJECT:** New York Firm Recalls Chicken Base Products Imported From an Unapproved Source

**Suggested Action:** **CLASS II RECALL;** Chicken Base Products Imported From an Unapproved Source;  
Recommend notification to establishments that may carry these products via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by USDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Indiana. The chicken base products were imported from China on various dates from May 2008 to September 2008. The chicken base products were sent to distribution establishments nationwide. Please notify this office at 317-233-7360 if any recalled product is found.

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## New York Firm Recalls Chicken Base Products Imported From an Unapproved Source

Recall Release **CLASS II RECALL**  
FSIS-RC-014-2009 **HEALTH RISK:**  
**LOW**

Congressional and Public Affairs  
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**WASHINGTON, April 3, 2009** - Perk-Up, Inc., a New York corporation having a principal executive office in White Plains, NY, is recalling 114,540 pounds of chicken base products that were ineligible for import to the U.S., the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

Perk-Up, Inc. is recalling these products because the chicken base products do not meet poultry

products inspection or poultry exemption requirements. Specifically, it could not be determined that the poultry ingredients used in the chicken base products were prepared under inspection as required by federal regulations or under an eligible foreign inspection system determined to be equivalent. The poultry ingredient is determined to be ineligible when the source of the ingredients cannot be determined.

The products subject to recall include: [[View Labels](#)]

- 5-pound pails of "PANDA BRAND CHICKEN BASE CONCENTRADO DE CALDO DE POLLO." Each container also bears the case code "2700031."
- 5-pound bags of "PANDA BRAND CHICKEN BASE CONCENTRADO DE CALDO DE POLLO." Each package also bears the case code "2700200."

The chicken base products were imported from China on various dates from May 2008 to September 2008. The chicken base products were sent to distribution establishments nationwide.

The problem was discovered after FSIS personnel identified the chicken base products in the marketplace. FSIS has received no reports of illness as a result of consuming this product.

Consumer and media questions regarding the product or the recall should be directed to Perk-Up's general counsel, Seth Akabas at (212) 308-8505 ext. 218, or (212) 308-8516.

FSIS works with other federal agencies to ensure the safety of imported meat, poultry and processed egg products. The [Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service](#) issues import permits based on animal health considerations, specific to a country or region. Customs and Border Protection provides oversight of all products entering the United States.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at [AskKaren.gov](#). The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.



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## Product Labels



### USDA Recall Classifications

<b>Class I</b>	This is a health hazard situation where there is a reasonable probability that the use of the product will cause serious, adverse health consequences or death.
<b>Class II</b>	This is a health hazard situation where there is a remote probability of adverse health consequences from the use of the product.
<b>Class</b>	This is a situation where the use of

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the product will not cause adverse health consequences.